UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

In re:		
Chapter 13 Status Conferences)	Administrative Order No. 10-02 ¹ (Northern Division)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective July 1, 2010, the following rules will apply to all chapter 13 cases and proceedings pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Northern Division.

The standing chapter 13 trustee shall be empowered to summon debtors and their attorneys to a status conference for the purpose of curing any default in the payments of a chapter 13 plan or for any other purpose to better effectuate the administration of the debtors' case. The attendance of debtors and their attorneys at such status conferences shall be mandatory. If debtors and/or their attorneys fail to attend said status conferences, the Court will dismiss the chapter 13 case.

In the trustee's discretion, he or she is hereby empowered to order chapter 13 debtors to make their home mortgage payments through the trustee's office. If the debtors include more than two months of pre-petition mortgage arrearage in their chapter 13 plan, the trustee is encouraged to require debtors to make all future mortgage payments through the trustee's office during the life of the plan. If debtors later modify their chapter 13 plan so as to service post-petition mortgage arrearage, the trustee is encouraged to require debtors to make all future mortgage payments through the chapter 13 plan. Mortgage payments required by the trustee to be paid through the plan shall not be subject to a late charge by the mortgage company. Further, the trustee shall not charge a commission against mortgage payments required by him or her under this Order to be made through the trustee's office.

Dated this ____ day of July, 2010.

United States Bankruptcy Judge

¹ This Administrative Order contains the same content as the Administrative Order entered on July 20, 1994. This Administrative Order simply updates the time periods to seven day increments in accordance with the Statutory Time Period Technical Amendments Act of 2009 and makes minor formatting adjustments consistent with other Administrative Orders and the Local Rules effective July 1, 2010.